

Special Working Meeting
of the
Amherst Conservation Commission
to be held on the
22 June 2016
7:00 PM

AGENDA

Purpose: To devise a plan for resolution of the several outstanding challenges that currently inhibit management of the Lindabury Orchard. These include: 1. initial steps for lower orchard rehabilitation, 2. poison ivy eradication, and 3. a solution to the lack of a clear Vision, supporting Strategic Plan, along with organizational, budgetary, and other issues.

Introduction

- Opening comments, background, brief documents overview - Daryl

Topics

1. Potential reconsideration of previously approved plan as voted in a regular meeting on 13 Apr 2016 [in meeting documents]. Suggestions:
 - a. Consider amending prior approved plan [in meeting docs] to execute *Phase One only*,
 - i. Possibly modified to include complete removal of lower island / possibly also oak. Note: if oak is to be retained, it likely requires hand-clearing beneath. Resolve oak and lower island question and incorporate into amended plan. Finalize work order with Scott Tiedemann.
2. Poison Ivy eradication / containment / etc. Suggestions:
 - a. Consider inviting Jeff Taylor with Vegetative Services [see April 2016 meeting minutes, article from Northern Woodlands] to elaborate on his \$2100 estimate for eradication, along with other possible eradication methods, expected outcomes and recommended best practice management after treatment.
3. Resolve ongoing questions regarding Vision, Strategic Plan, Management, and Funding of same.
 - a. Create and empower a Working Group comprised of stakeholders, including ALT, ACC, FOTO, community, to:
 - i. Craft a clear Vision for the Lindabury Orchard

- ii. Develop a Strategic Plan that supports the Vision.
- iii. Propose a 5-year management plan that includes clear structure, oversight, duties, and budgeting estimates.
- iv. Secure road access to lower orchard.
- v. Add or dismiss members from the group as needed.
Exception: The Working Group must always include representatives from both the ACC and the ALT.

The Lindabury Orchard Working Group (LOWG) will craft several alternative scenarios for submission to the Amherst Conservation Commission (ACC) for consideration. The ACC will make the final determination.

The LOWG will advise the ACC of the expected timelines for their results upon conclusion of the first meeting of the LOWG, and will provide updates on their progress for each ACC meeting until their work is complete.